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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

Chapter 11

RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI a/k/a RUDOLPH WILLIAM GIULIANI

Case No. 23-12055 (SHL)

Debtor.

## JOINDER OF RUBY FREEMAN AND WANDREA' ARSHAYE MOSS TO THE MOTION OF THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS OF RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER DIRECTING THE IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 1104.

Ms. Ruby Freeman and Ms. Wandrea' ArShaye "Shaye" Moss (the "Freeman Plaintiffs"), as creditors and parties-in-interest of Mr. Rudolph W. Giuliani a/k/a Rudolph William Giuliani (the "Debtor"), by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby submit this joinder to the *Motion* of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Rudolph W. Giuliani for Entry of an Order

Directing the Immediate Appointment of a Trustee Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1104 (the "Trustee Appointment Motion") [Docket No. 233].<sup>1</sup>

## **JOINDER**

- 1. The Freeman Plaintiffs have never believed that Mr. Giuliani intended to approach his chapter 11 case in good faith. Approximately six months into this case, that conclusion is prescient. As detailed in the Trustee Appointment Motion, Mr. Giuliani has spent his time in chapter 11 grossly mismanaging his estate, not complying with deadlines, and refusing to move this case forward. Put simply, Mr. Giuliani's conduct has unquestionably demonstrated the type dishonestly, incompetence, and gross mismanagement that constitutes "cause" under section 1104 of the Bankruptcy Code and merits the appointment of a chapter 11 trustee.
- 2. Perhaps the most galling example of Mr. Giuliani's gross mismanagement of his estate is his post-petition conduct towards the Freeman Plaintiffs. After filing for bankruptcy, Mr. Giuliani repeatedly made the same types of defamatory comments about the Freeman Plaintiffs that resulted in the judgment of approximately \$145,900,000 (plus attorneys' fees) that precipitated this case. In response to these comments, the Freeman Plaintiffs filed administrative expense claims and initiated an adversary proceeding seeking to permanently enjoin Mr. Giuliani from making similar comments in the future, thereby further eroding the value that could be distributed to creditors (the "Permanent Injunction"). See Claim Nos. 8, 9; Freeman, et al. v. Giuliani, Adv. Pro. No. 24-01320 (SHL) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Feb. 23, 2024). While Mr. Giuliani ultimately consented to the Permanent Injunction, the damage to his estate has been done. To state the

Capitalized terms used but otherwise not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Trustee Appointment Motion.

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obvious, these types of comments directly conflict with Mr. Giuliani's duty to maximize value for his creditors.

3. In his opposition papers to the Trustee Appointment Motion, Mr. Giuliani does not even acknowledge his post-petition comments about the Freeman Plaintiffs. *See* Docket No. 250 (the "Objection"). Instead, the Objection yet again tries to convince this Court that appealing the Freeman Judgment is the best way to advance this chapter 11 case. Indeed, the Objection takes the highly unusual (and unrequested) step of attaching a "preliminary, appellant brief." *See* Objection, Exhibit A. Of course, the Court denied Mr. Giuliani's request to appeal the Freeman Judgment and determined that strategy would not advance this chapter 11 case forward. The Debtor's inability to move past this strategy only further underscores why an independent trustee should be appointed. Accordingly, for these reasons, and other reasons set forth therein, the Freeman Plaintiffs urge the Court to approve the Trustee Appointment Motion.

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## **CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the Freeman Plaintiffs join the Committee's Motion and respectfully request that the Court order the immediate appointment of a chapter 11 trustee for the Debtor.

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